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BUDDHIST HIMALAYA

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This book begins with the earliest Buddhist period and describes the various developments which have led up to present day Tibetan Buddhism. It is therefore a history of a rather special kind, in that it attempts to show Buddhism throughout primarily from the Tibetan point of view.

Since Tibetan Buddhism is almost entirely of Indian origin, the account is largely one of past cultural contacts between India and Tibet, either direct or with Nepal as intermediary.

It is in Himalayan regions that we must seek the cultural and archaeological traces of past contacts, and here also that we meet with the active influence of Tibetan religion in districts which have turned to Tibet for guidance, now that Buddhism has all but disappeared in the land of its origin.

Buddhist Himalaya is a unique contribution to the growing literature of Buddhism. The author is lecturer in Tibetan in the School of Oriental and African Studies in the University of London. He is a specialist in the interpretation of the Tibetan Buddhist Scriptures and is the editor of the Tantric Texts in Buddhist Texts through the Ages. In this book again a whole chapter is devoted to Tantric developments.

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THE LORD'S PRAYER

by

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(Part One)

There are but few who, when praying, try to realize what they mean when they say "Our Father," the introductory words of "The Lord's Prayer." And still fewer understand the meaning of the following sentences that they rattle off. To rattle off is a right expression for what, in this case, men call praying. He who after honestly examining himself, does not acknowledge this, only proves that he has been superficial in all things all his life, and is not, and never was capable of thinking seriously. There are enough mortals on this earth who take themselves seriously, but who, with the best will in the world, cannot be taken seriously by others.

It is the very beginning of this prayer which has always been misunderstood in different ways. A certain sense of safety and comfort steals over those who pray earnestly, and from their hearts, when they say these introductory words, and this feeling remains with them for some moments after their prayers are over.

This explains two things. In the

first place, that the man can only concentrate his attention on these preliminary words, which have inspired him with these feelings. And secondly, the fact that his inspiration is so short-lived, shows that he is far off from understanding what he has been saying.

It is clear that either he has not been able to keep up the strain of serious thought for any continuous time, or it reveals the superficiality of his nature. Otherwise he would find that the next word, as soon as it becomes alive in him, would inspire him with another feeling, one corresponding to their tenor. If he understood the real meaning of these words and their importance, the sensation of comfort and safety would cease and a different feeling would be awakened in his breast.

Some people see in the words "Our Father," a confirmation of their opinion that they descend from God himself, and, if properly developed, will finally become divine, and that in the meantime they partake of divine nature. Besides this there are other errors regarding this sentence, but most men look upon it as an invocation to the Almighty and say it mechanically and, as it costs the least effort and thinking, they repeat it thoughtlessly. Although it is just these words which should be uttered with the greatest fervor of which man shows he is capable, but none of these interpretations are right.

The Son of God chose these words to

express the spirit in which the human soul should approach the Almighty if he hopes that his prayer will be granted. They distinctly define the nature of the only possible relationship to God of which man must be conscious when he lays his petition at the steps of the Almighty throne.

There are three parts to this prayer. The first part shows the self-abasement of the soul humbling itself before God, seeking to unfold itself before him and declare it genuine, and devoted subjection, before it utters a desire. The Son of God tries to make it evident that this is the feeling a man must be conscious of if he desires to approach the Almighty. Hence these introductory words appear in the light of a sacred vow of allegiance, "Our Father which art in Heaven."

Consider a moment, a prayer is not synonymous with a request, otherwise there would be no thanksgiving prayers which contain no request. The prayer is not to beg. In their mistaken way of thinking, men are not in the habit of coming to God unless they expect something, if indeed they do not demand something of him. A demand lies in every request, and man cannot deny that he always comes with some request. It may be only a vague desire to secure a place in heaven. He does know what it is to praise God jubilantly for the glad enjoyment of his conscious being, or being able to do his appointed work in cooperation for the welfare of his surroundings in accordance with God's will. He does not

even suspect that just this, and only this, will further his own welfare, his progress and advancement. This is the basis that "The Lord's Prayer" rests on. The Son of God only sought to bring about man's welfare, and could not have worded it otherwise. Thus the prayer he taught is anything but a begging petition. It is an earnest and comprehensive vow on the part of man to lay himself at his Master's feet. Jesus gave this prayer to his disciples who were then prepared to worship God in Truth and Purity, to serve God in or by their lives, and by this service, to honor His Holy Will.

Before he begins, man should consider whether he dares make use of this prayer, and inquire of his conscience whether in repeating it, he is not trying to deceive his God. The introductory sentence admonished everyone to examine his conscience to make sure whether he really is what he professes to be in his prayer, whether he may present himself before God without hypocrisy.

If the first three sentences strike a root in you, they will lead you to the steps of the throne of God. They are the way, the sure and the safe way, provided they are realized in a man's soul; but if these sentences do not live, that is, become part of man's living soul, they cannot reach God.

(To be continued)

PROGRAM FOR DEC 13 THRU DEC 19

Sunday, December 13, 1959, at 11:00 A.M., Dr. Winnie Whitby will lecture on "Preparation for the Coming of the Christ."

Sunday at 4:00 P.M., there will be a Meeting of the Fellowship of the Avatar for Members only by Dr. Doreal.

Sunday afternoon at 1:30, Dr. J. Trenton Tully will give a Metaphysical Talk.

Monday evening at 7:00 P.M., a Class on Healing and Related Techniques and Practices by Dr. John Morrow.

Wednesday evening at 7:00 P.M., at the Home of Marguerite Pratt, a Class for the Teen-agers conducted by Dr. Wm. Harth.

Friday evening at 8:00 P.M., a Meditation period conducted by Dr. Marguerite Pratt.

.....now glow'd the firmament
With living sapphires; Hesperus that led
The starry host rode brightest, till the
moon,
Rising in clouded majesty, at length,
Apparent queen, unveil'd her peerless
light,
And o'er the dark her silver mantle threw.

----Milton

ACTIVITIES AT TEMPLE HEADQUARTERS

The news is rather brief this week after the big Holiday of last week. Most everyone has stayed at home working, or starting Christmas shopping and decorations. The little snow storm Friday evening kept some of us from Christmas shopping. But the storm was over by nine P.M., and soon the moon was shining. Then Saturday and Sunday were two beautiful sun-shiny days.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Pass had Thanksgiving Dinner at the beautiful "Top of the Park" Restaurant in Denver and afterwards saw a movie.

Mrs. Lempi Sibul of Shamballa, left just before the Thanksgiving Holiday for San Francisco. She is spending all the Holidays with her daughter, Mrs. Tom McCarthy in San Francisco. She will return to Shamballa in January.

Mr. and Mrs. John Morrow have just received word of a new Granddaughter. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Allen Morrow of Lawton, Oklahoma. Her name is Lorrie Ann. She arrived November 20th. Congratulations to the happy parents and Grandparents.

Ronnie Evans spent Thursday evening and night with Stephen Case of Castle Rock. Ronnie was helping Stephen celebrate his

birthday, and Ronnie says they really had a big time.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Williams visited with Mr. and Mrs. Elza Sanders in Denver last Saturday. Later they drove out on the Morrison Road to the Shop of Mr. and Mrs. Griebel. Mr. Griebel makes Christmas decorations and glass ornaments and they are really beautiful. Mr. Griebel is a skilled glass blower and brought his art from Germany.

Marjorie Anderson and daughter, Beverly, saw the "Big Fisherman" on Saturday Evening and say they really enjoyed it.

Guests at the Whitby House Sunday were Mrs. Iris Rawls and daughter, Sharon; Mrs. Edna Donaldson, Miss Margaret Roush, and Mrs. Velma Morrow.

Guests of Mr. and Mrs. Don Pass on Sunday evening were Mr. and Mrs. Roger Gruber.

Dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Williams, Sunday, were Mr. and Mrs. Chester Redd and children.

Next Sunday morning at eleven the lecture will be given by Dr. W. Whitby on "Preparation for the Coming of the Christ." This is a lecture that will give you things to think about, whether you are a B.W.T. member or not. Even now, we are in the midst of a Spiritual Revolution. Every one is invited to come

and bring their friends.

Due to the B.W.T. Christmas Party on the 20th, there will not be a Sunday morning Lecture on that date.

---Winnie Whitby

GOD IS NOT MOCKED

Instill within us, Lord, a finer more
divine propensity
Stayed nearer toward the fountainhead
and Source, Thy Light's intensity,
More purified in thought, emotion, acts
and love's compassion
Redeeming all the world for Truth divine,
free from, strife's clashin',
Each soul, unfooled by falsity's domain,
predoomed to fail.
Know, 'all', none can outsmart the Law
of Life here or, beyond the veil,
Or yet at length, escape their own share
of responsibility.
For wrong or harm done through deceit
and unreliability.
Impart within us Lord, for aye, the
strength of pure integrity,
And in our hearts Thy Church - our,
souls, Thy Spirit's Own serenity.
How use freewill? true power and prayer?
ambition? leisure? liberty?
Yea all full worth our while, ascends to
free or else descends from, Thee.

PAUL JANS

THE BUDDHISM OF TIBET



BY

L. AUSTINE WADDELL

"Buddha's own 'Buddhism' was essentially a doctrine of sheer negation and despair.

"Gotama's inveterately fatalistic outlook on life (possible mostly in the orient to which even the developed forms of Buddhism were confined) is traditionally ascribed to his shock at seeing a dead body, and having about the same time lost his father's petty kingdom."

"In his despair, after dreamily sitting for some months cross-legged, in the Indian fashion, in shut-eyed introspective 'Meditation,' he believed he had found a new 'Truth' or new 'Revelation;' and he arose and called himself 'The Buddha' or 'The Enlightened One.' He proclaimed his morose nihilistic doctrine; that there is no Absolute or Permanent Being, so that all Life in any form, and even in the heavens of the Brahmanist gods (in which he believed), was not worth living. That, according to his basal dogma (which is still mechanically repeated endlessly by the more primitive Buddhists on their rosary beads): 'All life (even of the gods) is Transitory, Miserable, and Unreal (Illusory).'"

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